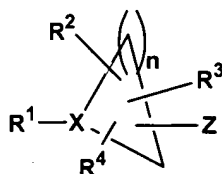


CLAIM AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein n is 4;

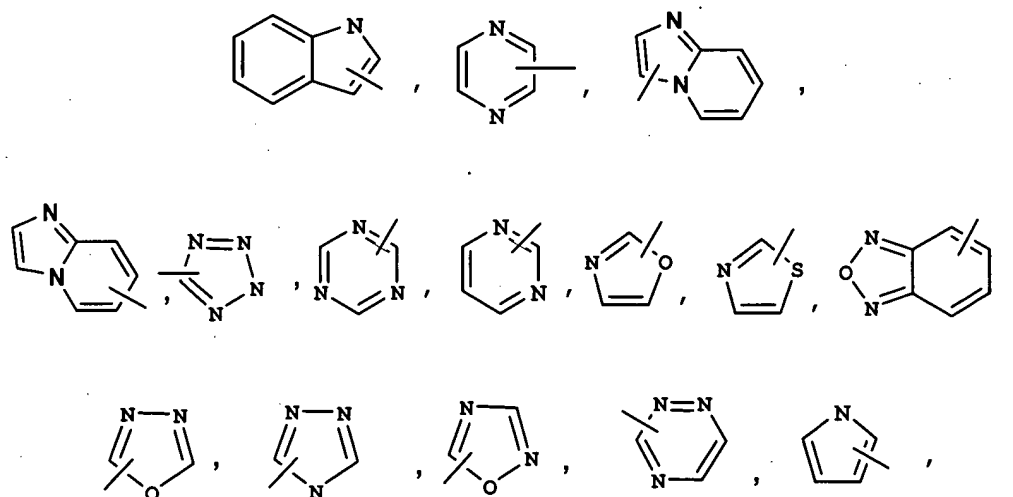
X is N;

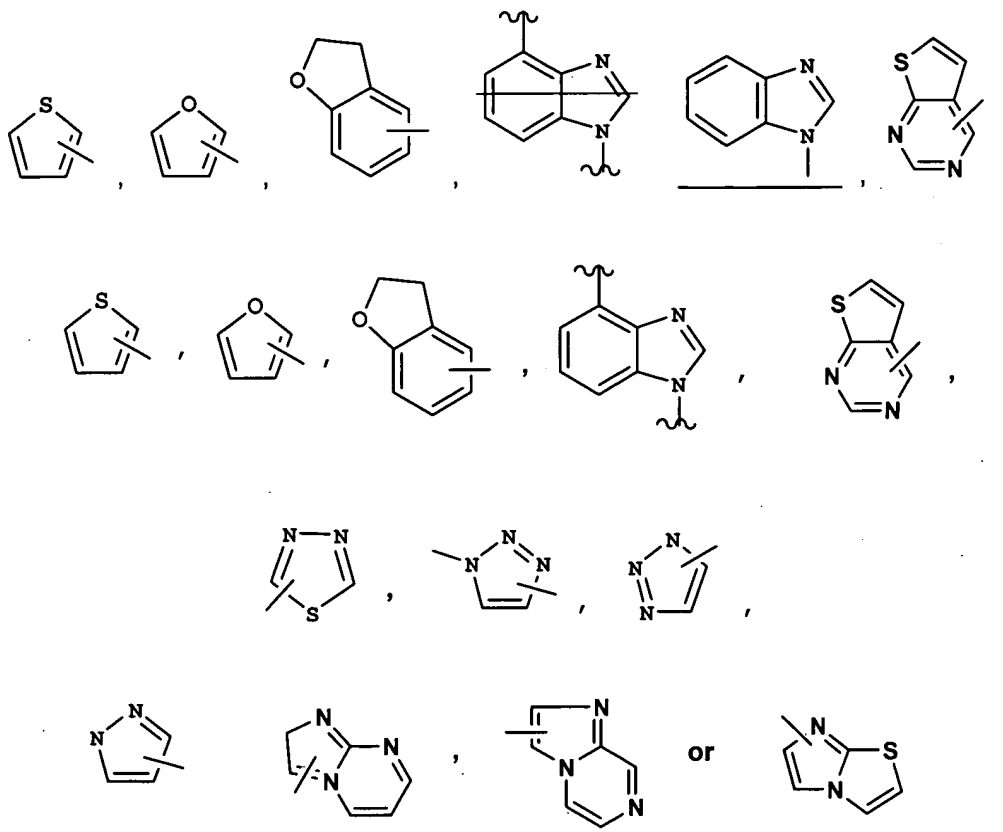
Z is a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing monocyclic heteroaryl group which is selected from the group consisting of imidazole attached at its 4- or 5-position to the ring, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino-(alkyl)imidazole, (alkanoylamino)imidazole, aminothiazole, aminooxazole, aminooxadiazole, dialkylimidazole, alkyl(alkanoylamino)imidazole, alkyl(amino)imidazole, arylaminocarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkoxycarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkylcarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, aminotriazole or diaminopyrimidine;

R¹ is heteroaryl;

and R¹ may be unsubstituted or substituted with from one to five substituents;

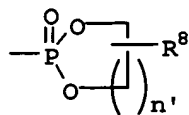
and wherein the R¹ heteroaryl group is selected from



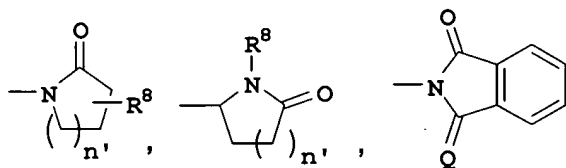


R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, (alkyl or aryl)₃Si (where each alkyl or aryl group is independent), cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylalkylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, arylamino, aryloxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylamino, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, thio, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, halogen, haloalkyl, polyhaloalkyl, polyhaloalkoxy, aminothio, aminosulfinyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino, alkynylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy, acyl, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxy, heteroarylcarbonylamino, cyano, nitro, alkenylcarbonylamino, alkynylcarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkenylaminocarbonylamino, alkynylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino, heteroarylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxy carbonylamino, alkenyloxy carbonylamino, alkynyloxy carbonylamino, aryloxy carbonylamino, heteroaryloxy carbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyloxy, alkoxy carbonylamino, 1,1-(alkoxyl or aryloxy)₂alkyl

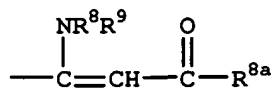
(where the two aryl or alkyl substituents can be independently defined, or linked to one another to form a ring), $\text{S(O)}_2\text{R}^6\text{R}^7$, $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkenyl}$, $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkynyl}$, $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{heteroaryl}$, $-\text{NR}^8(\text{C}=\text{NCN})\text{-amino}$,



pyridine-N-oxide,



(where Q is O or H₂ and n' is 0, 1, 2 or 3) or



tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazole, oxazole, or triazole, $-\text{PO}(\text{R}^{13})(\text{R}^{14})$, (where R^{13} and R^{14} are independently alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, cycloheteroalkoxy, or cycloheteroalkylalkoxy); and may be optionally independently substituted with from one to five substituents, which may be the same or different;

R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{8a} and R^9 are the same or different and are independently hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, or cycloheteroalkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a prodrug thereof, and all stereoisomers thereof.

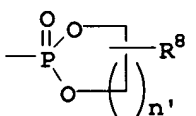
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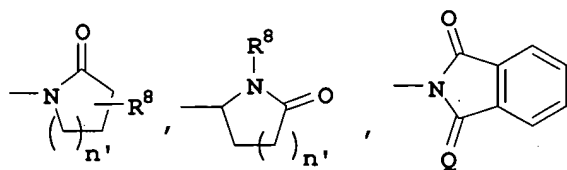
Claim 3. (Original) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 is aryl or heteroaryl.

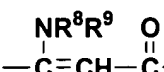
Claims 4-7. (Cancelled).

Claim 8. (Previously Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein the R¹ group may be substituted within from one to five of the following groups:

alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, (alkyl or aryl)₃Si (where each alkyl or aryl group is independent), cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylalkylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, arylamino, aryloxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl amino, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, thio, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, halogen, haloalkyl, polyhaloalkyl, CF₃ and CF₃CH₂, polyhaloalkyloxy, CF₃O and CF₃CH₂O, aminothio, aminosulfinyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino, alkynylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy, acyl, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxy, heteroarylcarbonylamino, cyano, nitro, alkenylcarbonylamino, alkynylcarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkenylaminocarbonylamino, alkynylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino, heteroarylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, alkenyloxycarbonylamino, alkynyloxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxycarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyloxy, 1,1-(alkoxy or aryloxy)₂alkyl (where the two aryl or alkyl substituents can be independently defined, or linked to one another to form a ring, such as 1,3-dioxane or 1,3-dioxolane), S(O)₂R⁶R⁷, -NR⁶(C=NR⁷)alkyl,

NR⁶(C=NR⁷)alkenyl, -NR⁶(C=NR⁷)alkynyl, ,
NR⁶(C=NR⁷)heteroaryl, -NR⁸(C=NCN)-amino, pyridine-N-oxide,

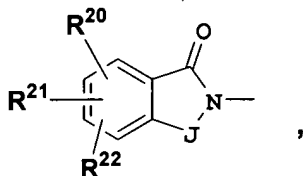


(where Q is O or H₂ and n' is 0, 1, 2 or 3) or ; tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazole, oxazole or triazole; -PO(R¹³)(R¹⁴), (where R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy,

heteroarylalkoxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, cycloheteroalkoxy, or cycloheteroalkylalkoxy);

R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{8a} and R^9 are independently hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl or cycloheteroalkyl, which substituents may be the same or different from each other and may be the same or different from the base R^1 group.

Claim 9. (Original) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R^1 is substituted with one to five of the following substituents: alkyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, heteroaryl, halo, aryl, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, guanidiny, nitro, cycloheteroalkyl, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxylcarbonylamino, uriedo (where the uriedo nitrogens may be substituted with alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl), heterocyclylcarbonylamino (where the heterocycle is connected to the carbonyl group via a nitrogen or carbon atom), alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino,



Where J is : CHR^{23} , $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}\text{—}$, $\text{—}\underset{\text{R}^{24}}{\text{CH}}\text{—}\underset{\text{R}^{25}}{\text{CH}}\text{—}$ or $\text{—}\underset{\text{R}^{24}}{\text{C}}=\underset{\text{R}^{25}}{\text{C}}\text{—}$;

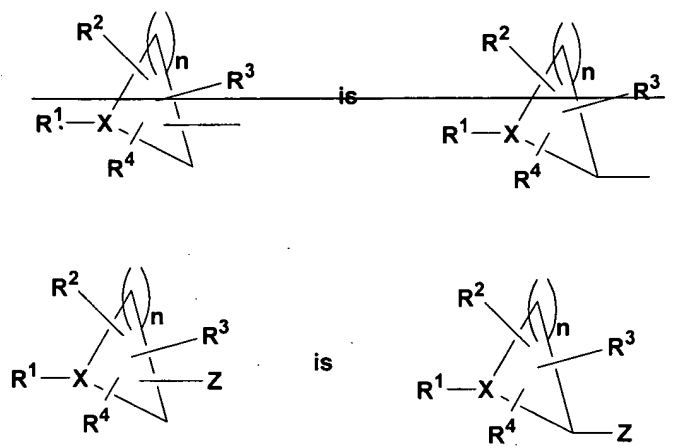
R^{23} , R^{24} and R^{25} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, cycloalkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl;

R^{20} , R^{21} , R^{22} are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylmercapto, arylmercapto, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, hydroxy or haloalkyl; and these preferred substituents may either be directly attached to R^1 , or attached via an alkylene chain at an open position, which substituents may be the same or different from each other and may be the same or different from the base R^1 group.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein Z is imidazole attached at its 4- or 5-position to the ring, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino(alkyl)imidazole or (acetilamino)imidazole.

Claims 11-13. (Cancelled).

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein the moiety



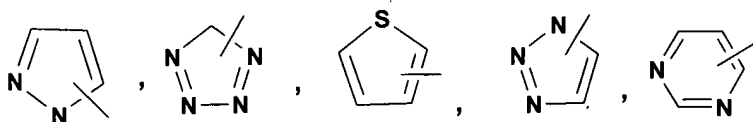
Claim 15. (Original) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R² and R³ are independently H, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or aryl, and R⁴ and R⁵ are each hydrogen.

Claim 16. (Cancelled).

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein n is 4, R² and R³ are independently H or lower alkyl, and R⁴ and R⁵ are each H, and R¹ is aryl or heteroaryl.

Claim 18. (Cancelled).

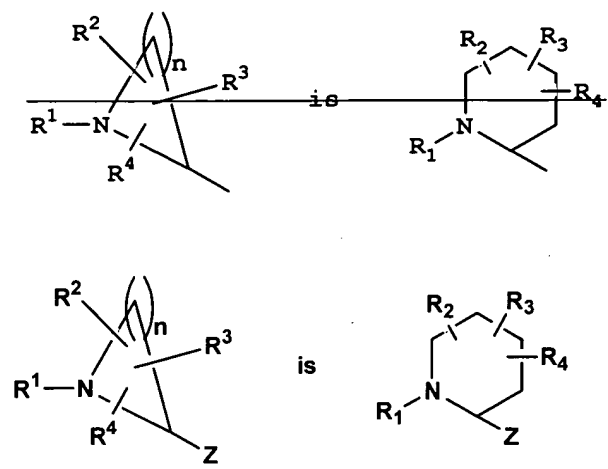
Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R¹ is



Claim 20. (Original) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R¹, R², R³ and/or R⁴ may be joined together with the N atom and/or carbons to which they are attached to form a non-aromatic ring.

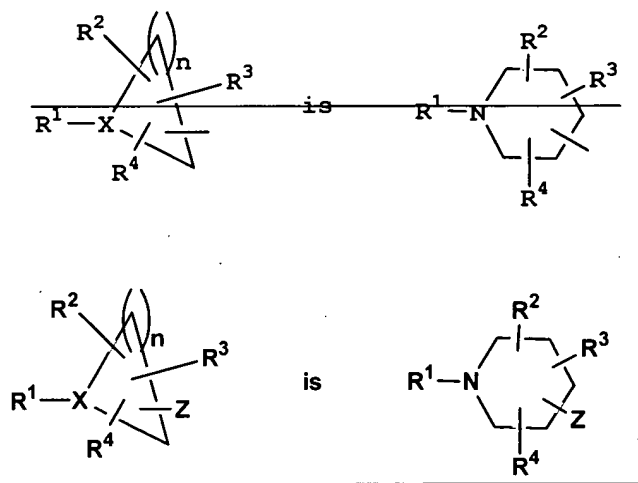
Claim 21. (Cancelled).

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 14 wherein

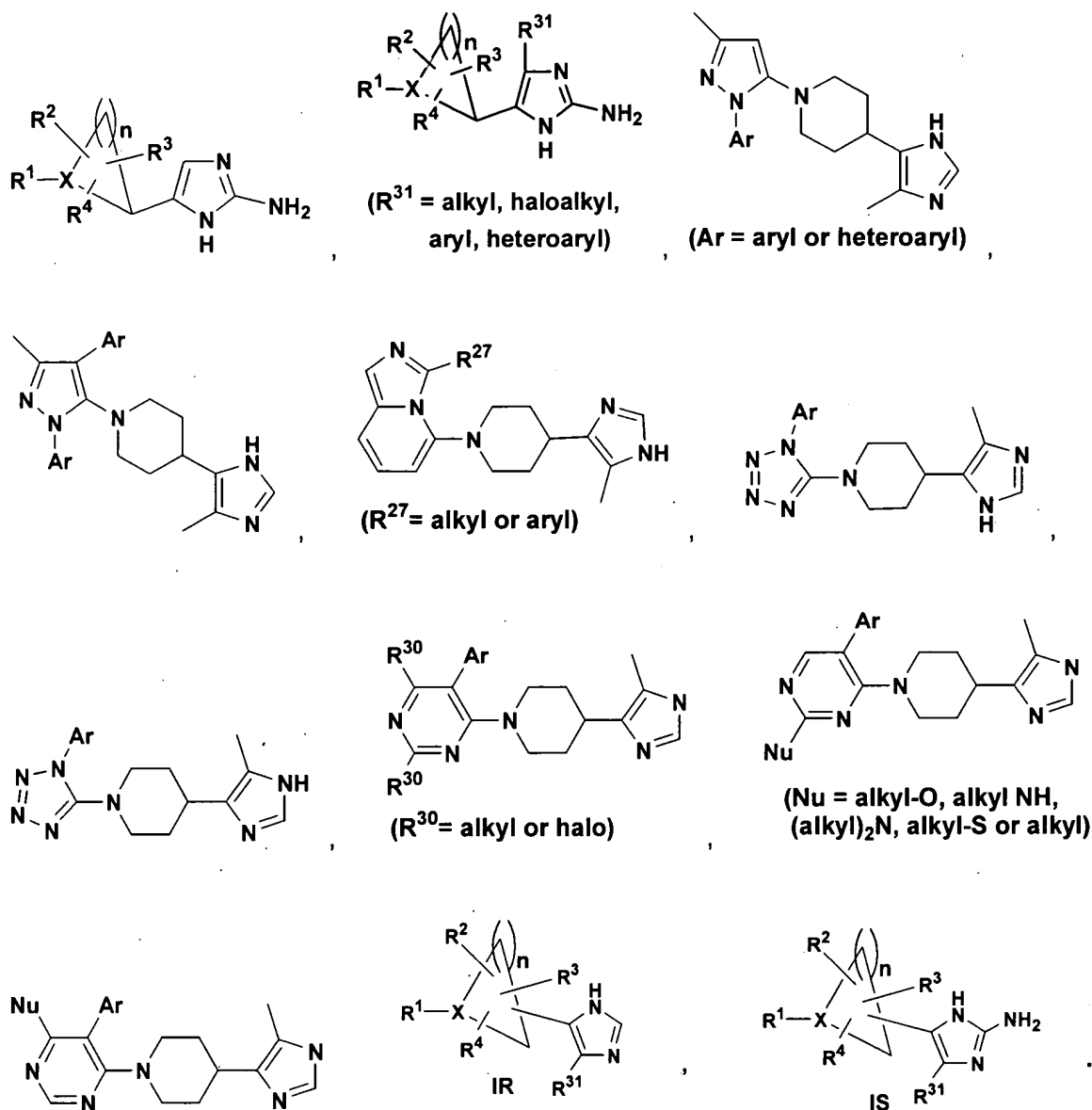


Claim 23. (Cancelled).

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein

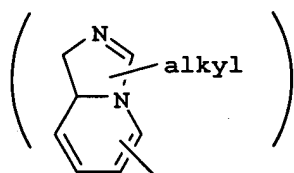


Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure



Claim 26. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R¹ is phenyltetrazole, 1-(2,4-dihalo-5-alkoxyphenyltetrazol-5-yl, alkylphenyltetrazole, halophenyltetrazol, 1-(2-alkoxy-5-halophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-alkyl-4-halophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, alkoxyphenyltetrazole, alkyl(halo)phenyltetrazole, alkoxy(halo)phenyltetrazole, alkoxy(alkyl)(halo)phenyltetrazole, phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, halophenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkyl(halo)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkylphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxy(halo)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxy(alkyl)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, dihalophenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, dialkylphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, halophenyl-haloalkyl-pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl(alkyl)(halo)pyrazole, phenylpyrimidine, phenyl(halo)pyrimidine, diphenylpyrimidine, halophenyl(halo)pyrimidine, dihalopyrimidine, diphenyl(halo)pyrimidine, halo(phenyl)pyrimidine, dialkyl(halo)pyrimidine, dihalophenylpyrimidine,

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 alkoxy(halo)phenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, dihalophenyl(dialkylamino)pyrimidine,
 heteroaryl(dihalophenyl)pyrimidine, halophenylpyrimidine, alkoxy(phenyl)pyrimidine,
 haloalkoxyphenylpyrimidine, phenoxy(phenyl)pyrimidine, heteroaryl(phenyl)pyrimidine,
 dialkoxyphenylpyrimidine, dialkylphenylpyrimidine, cycloheteroalkyl(phenyl)pyrimidine,
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 halophenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, alkyl(halo)phenylpyrimidine, nitrophenylpyrimidine,
 dihalophenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, carboxyphenylpyrimidine, alkylcarbonylphenylpyrimidine,
 naphthylpyrimidine, alkylthiophenylpyrimidine, alkyl(halophenyl)triazole, alkyl(halo)phenyl-(alkyl)-
 triazole, alkylimidazopyridine



phenylimidazopyridine, halophenylimidazopyridine, dihalophenylimidazopyridine,
 alkoxyphenylimidazopyridine.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein

R^2 is CH_3 or H;

R^3 is CH_3 or H;

R^4 is H;

R^1 is 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-4-yl, 1-phenyltetrazol-5-yl,

1-(2,4-dichloro-5-methoxyphenyl)tetrazol-5-yl,

1-(3-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl,

1-(3-chloro-4-methyl)tetrazol-5-yl,

1-(3-methylphenyl)tetrazol-5-yl,

1-(2-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl,

1-(2-methoxy-5-chloro)tetrazol-5-yl,

1-(3-methyl-4-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl,

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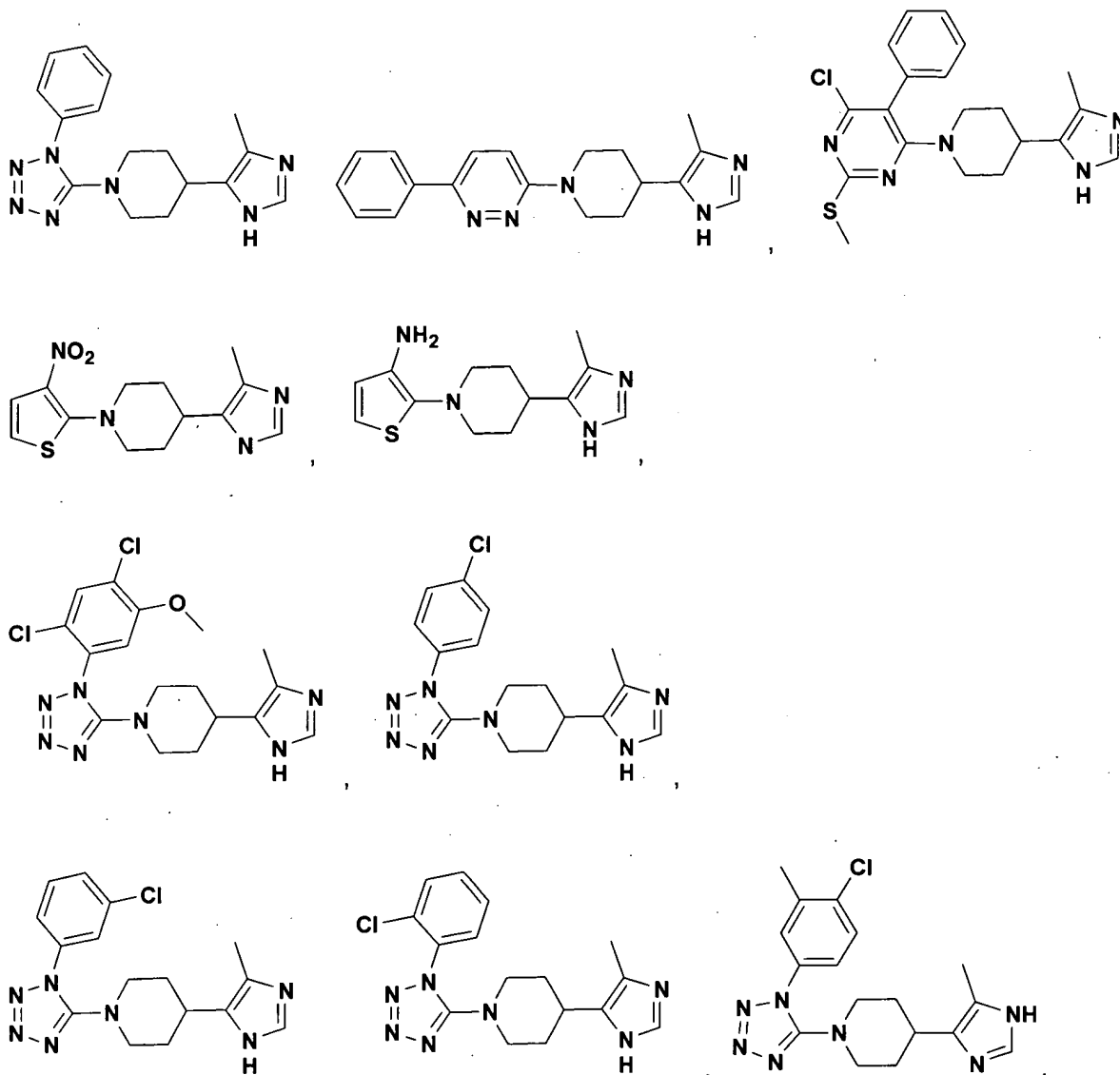
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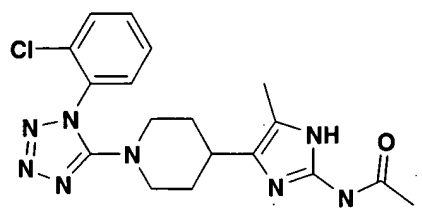
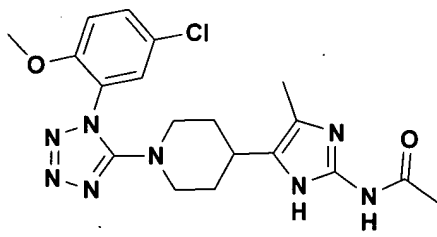
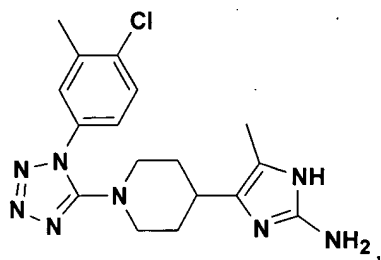
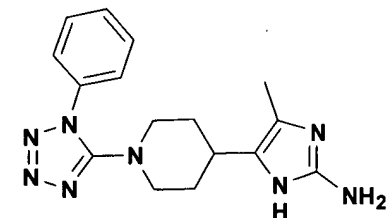
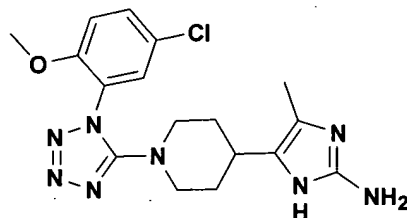
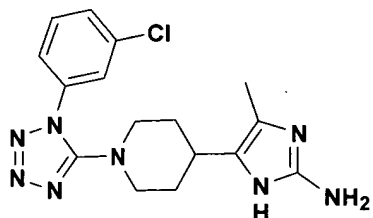
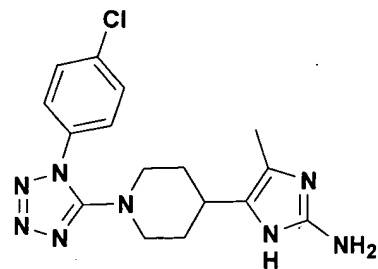
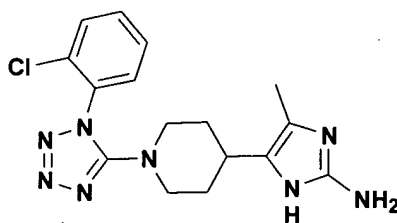
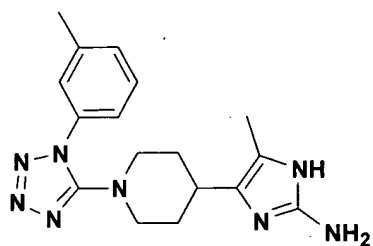
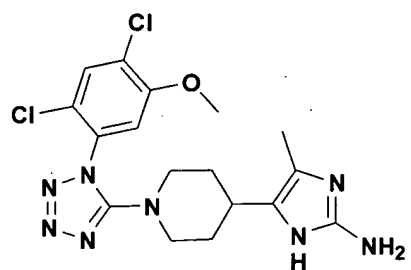
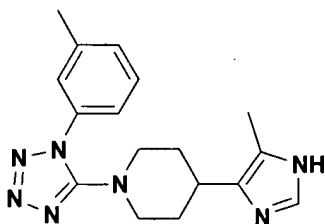
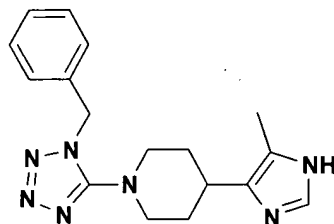
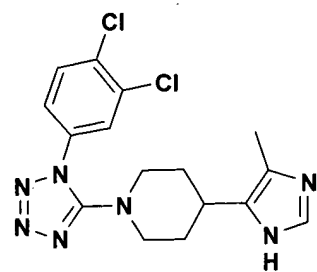
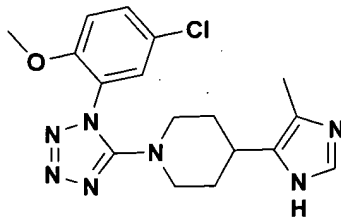
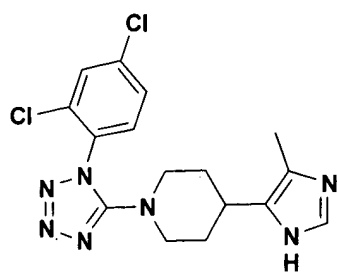
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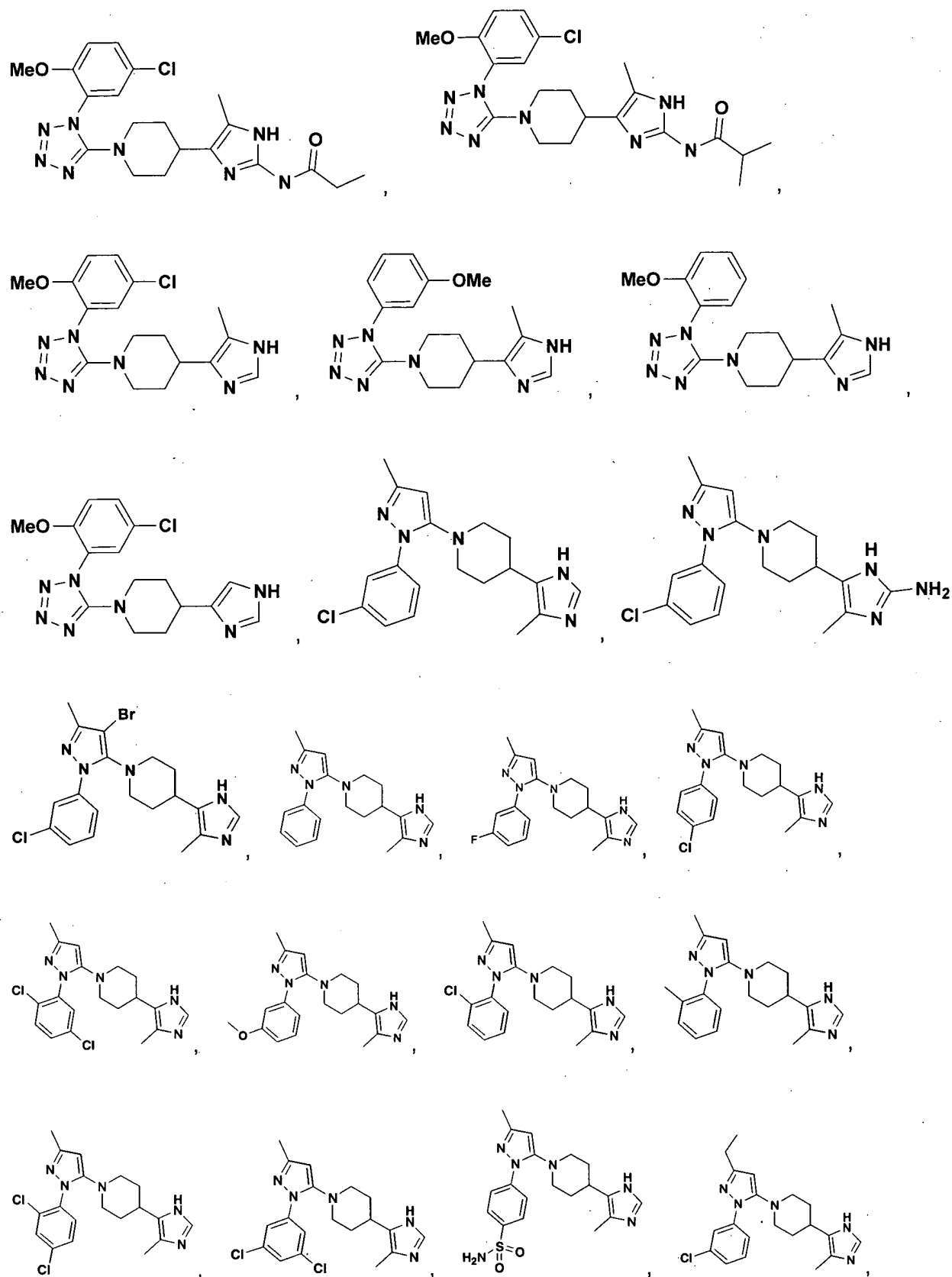
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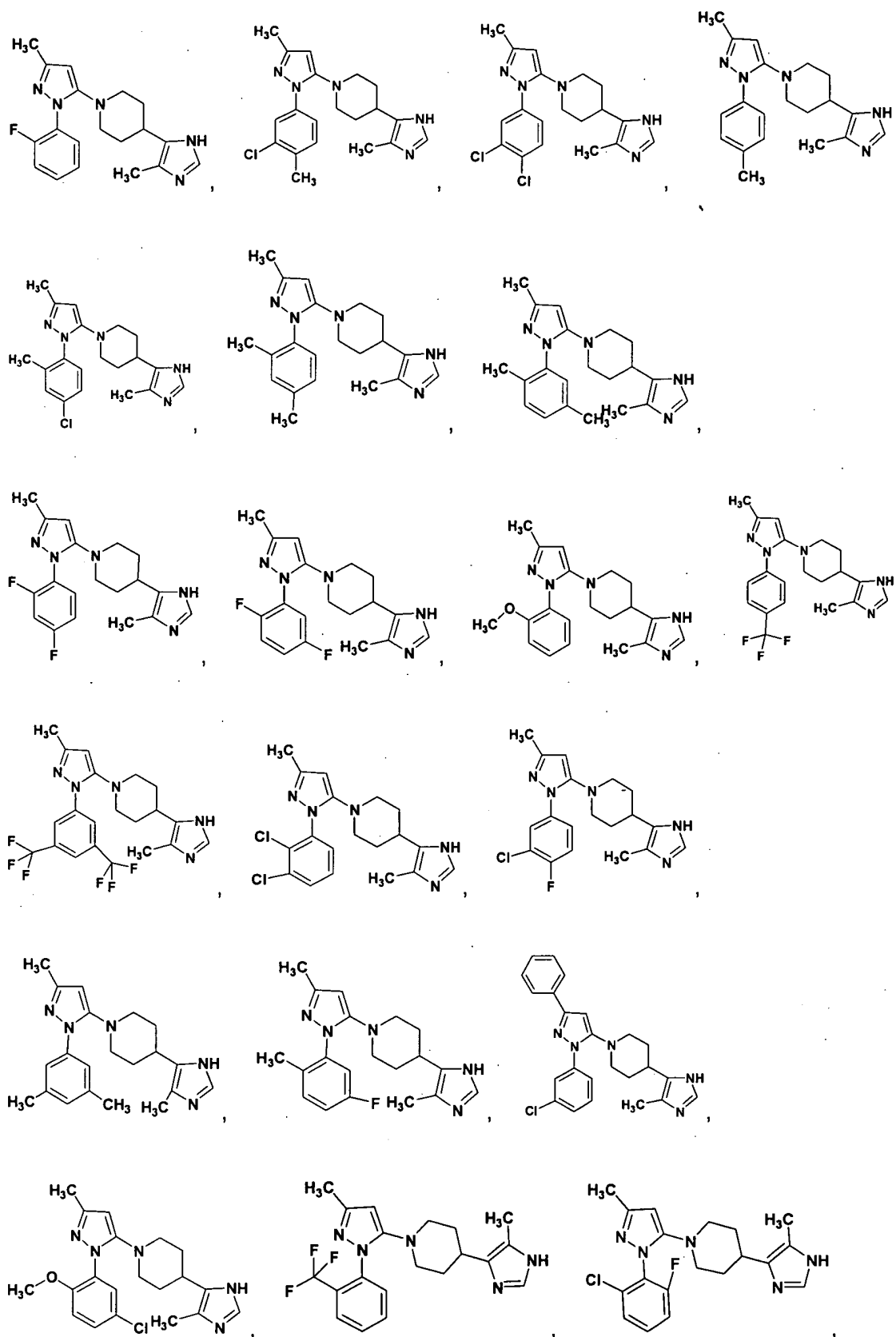
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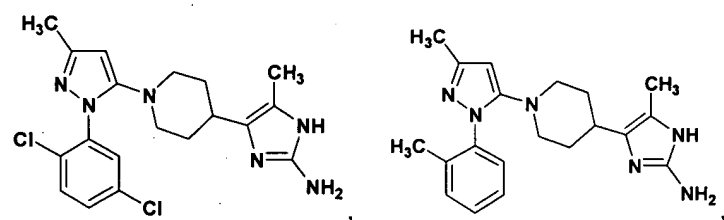
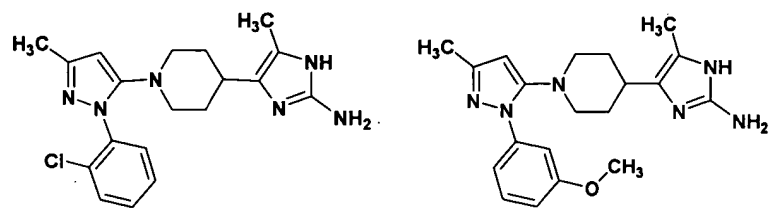
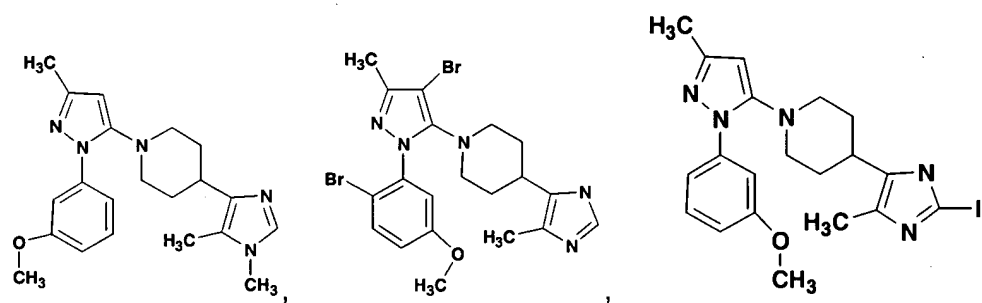
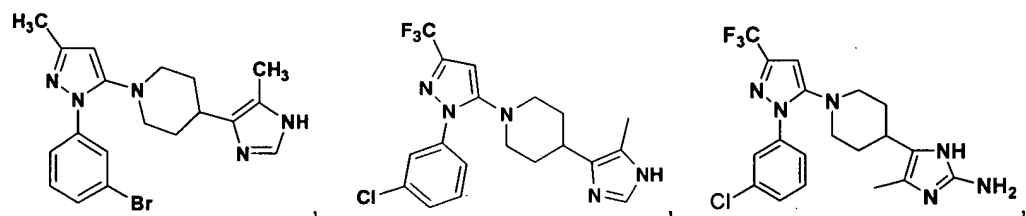
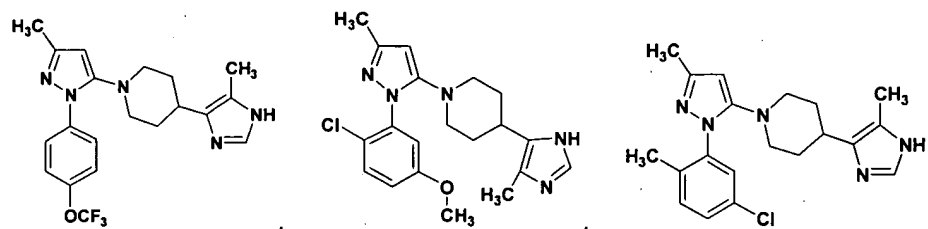
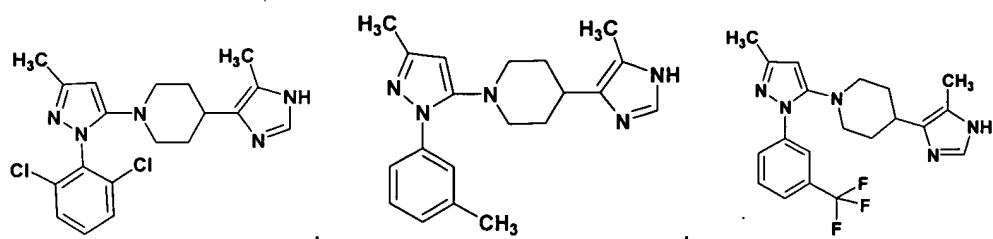
Claim 28. (Previously Presented) A compound having the structure

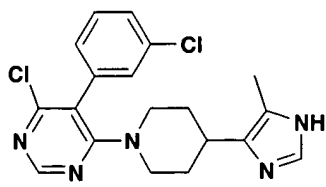
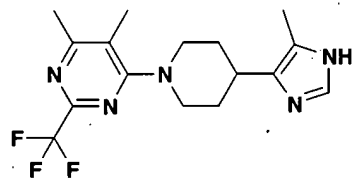
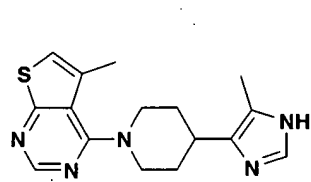
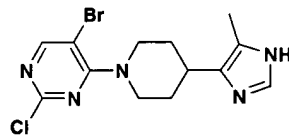
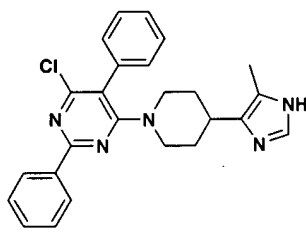
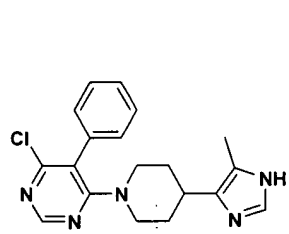
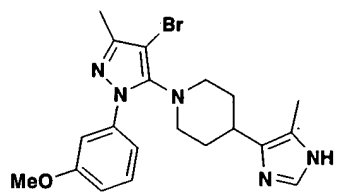
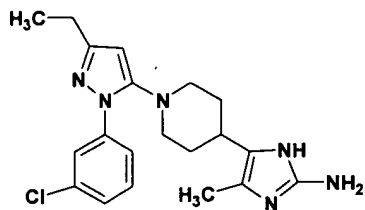
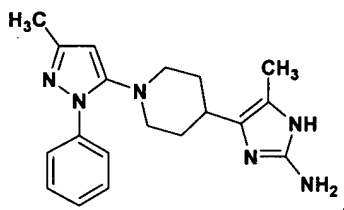
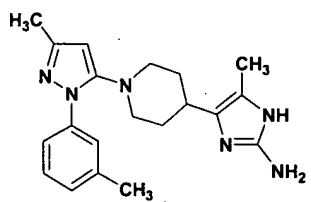
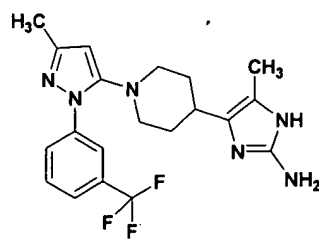
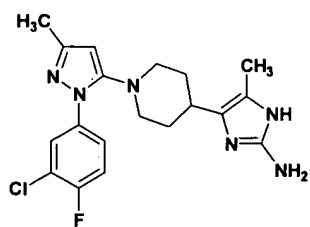
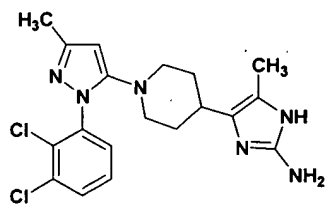
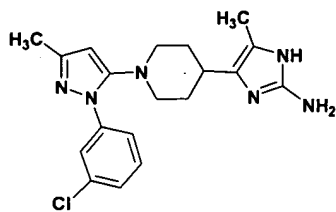
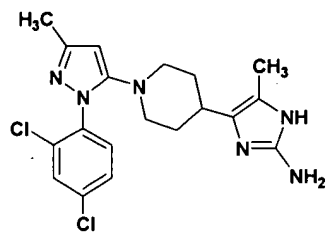


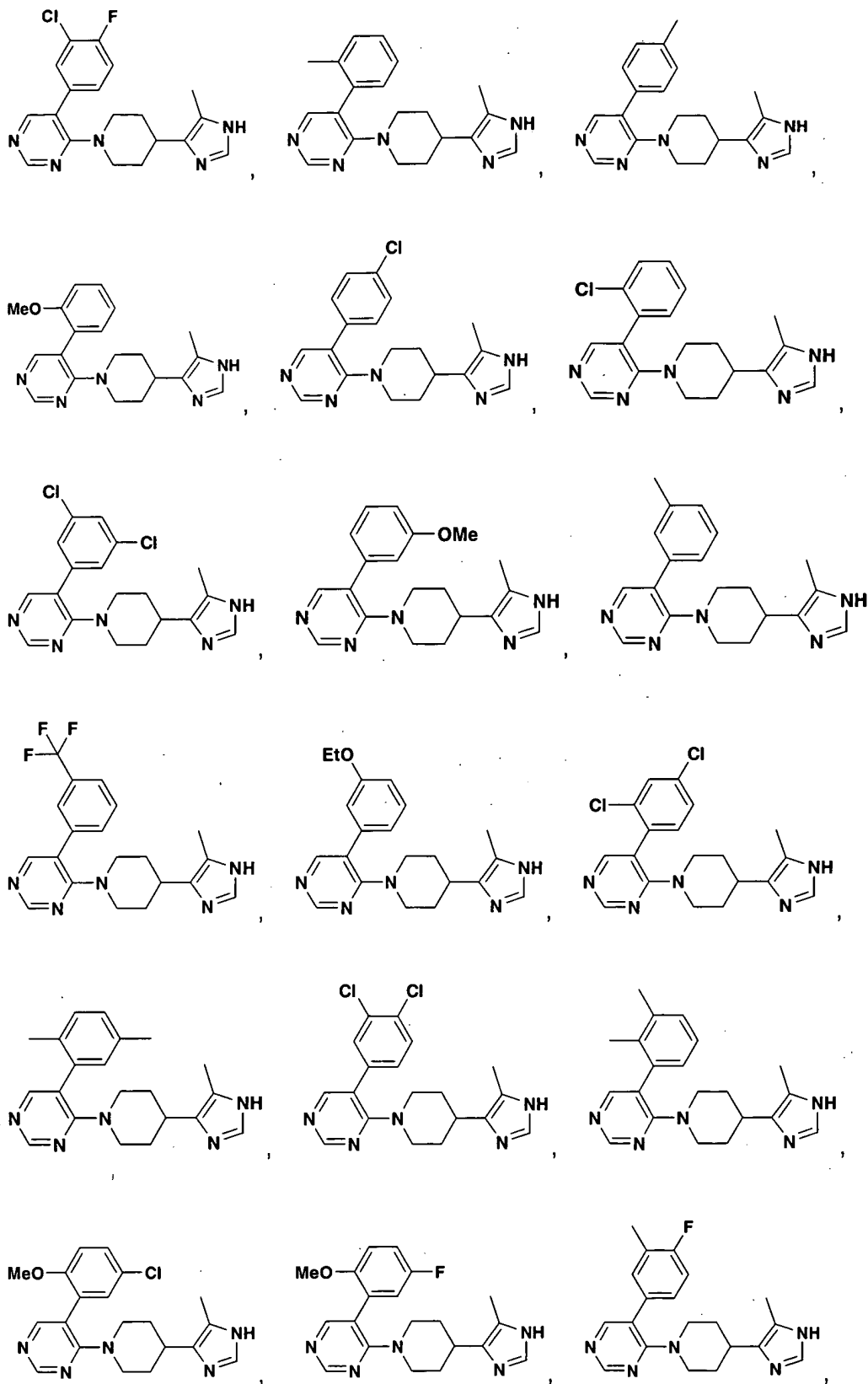


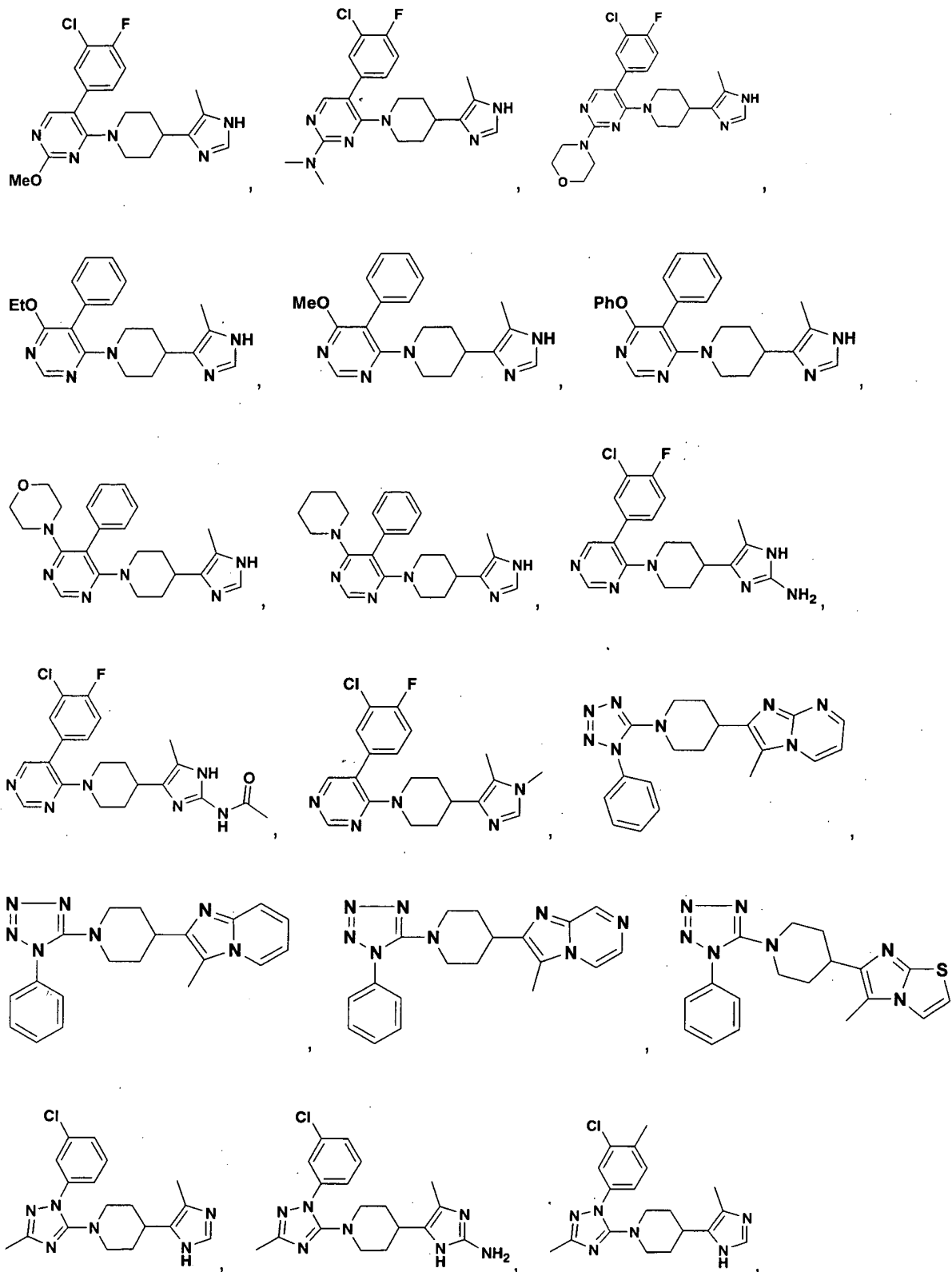


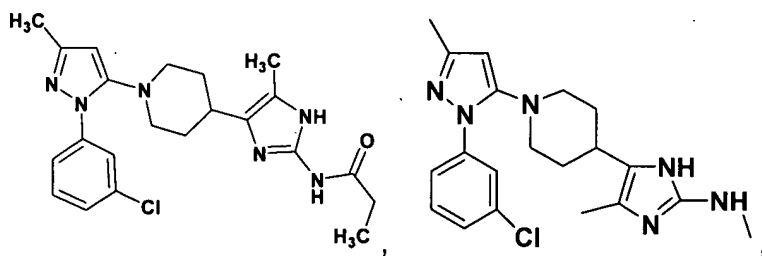
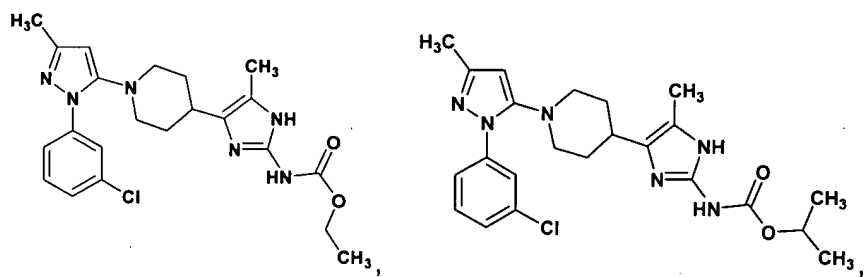
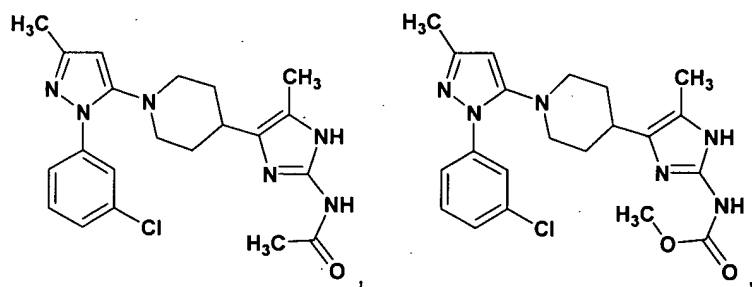
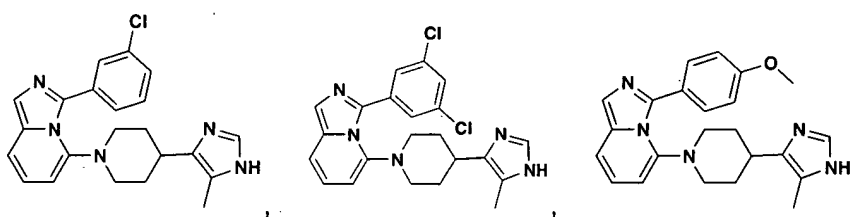
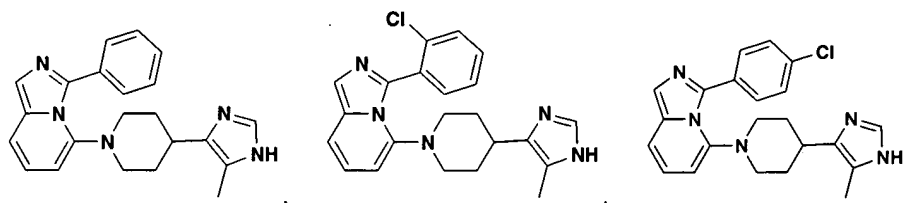
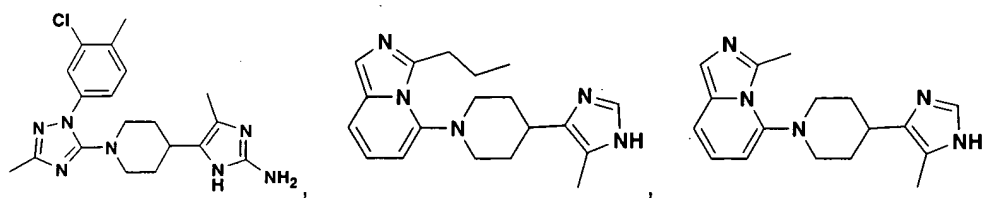


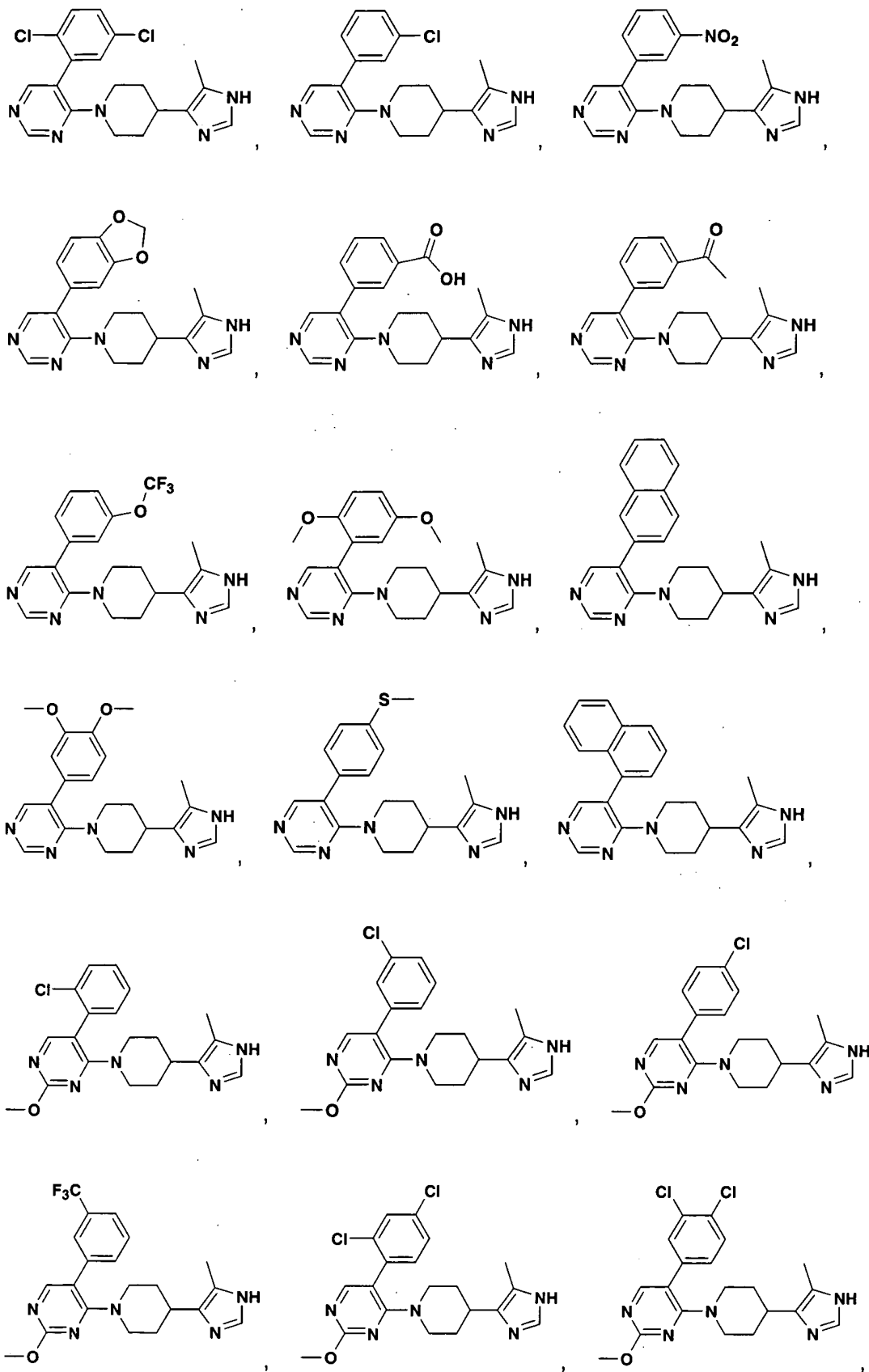


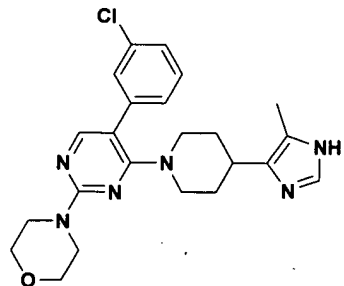
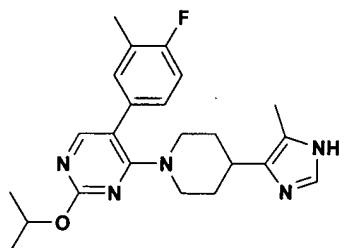
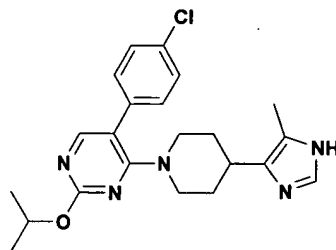
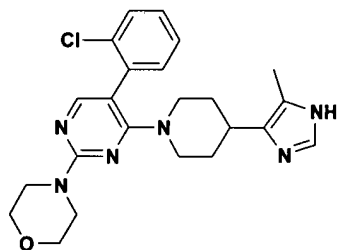
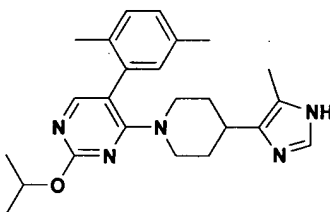
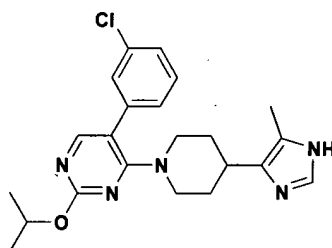
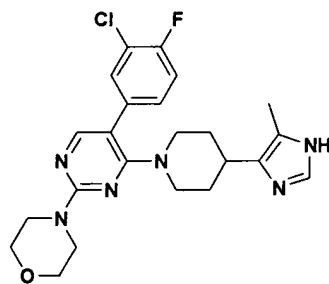
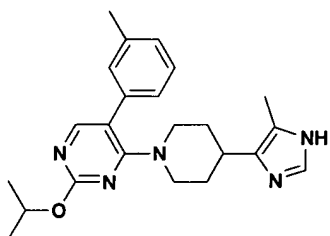
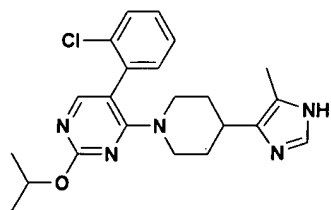
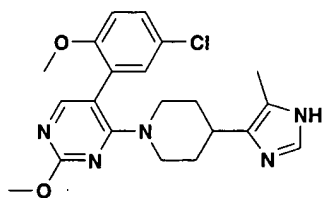
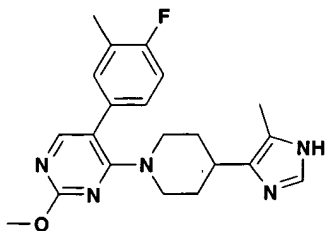
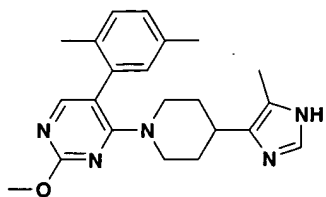
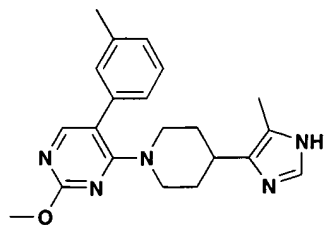


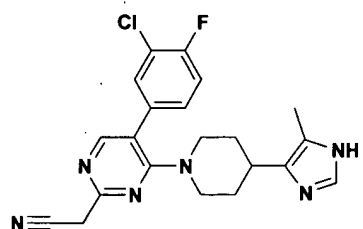
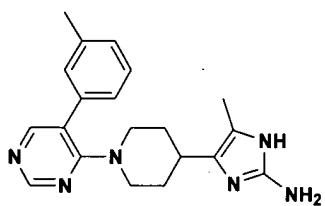
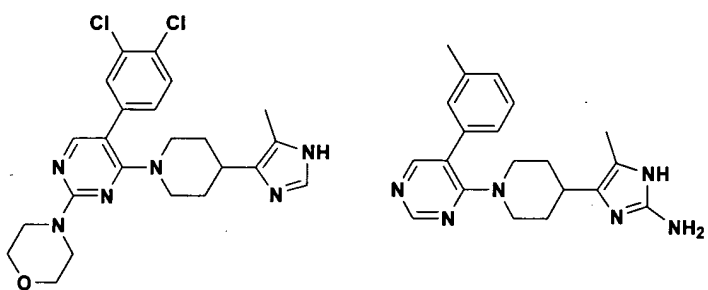
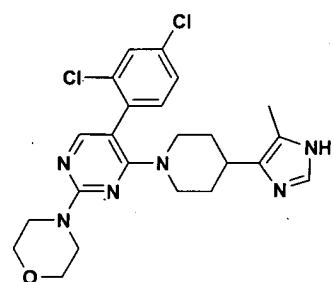
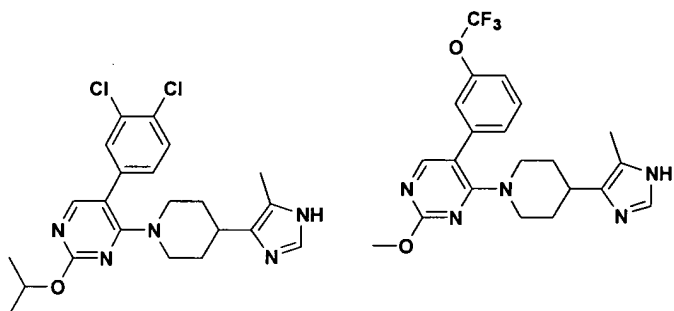
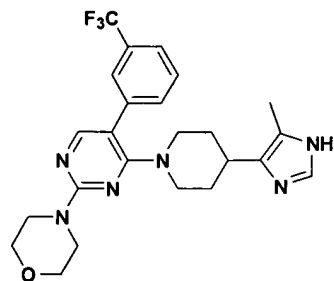
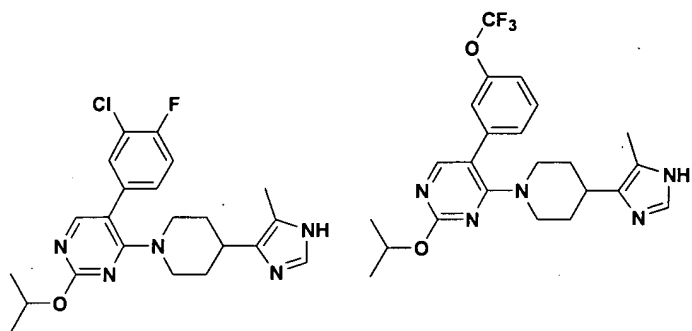
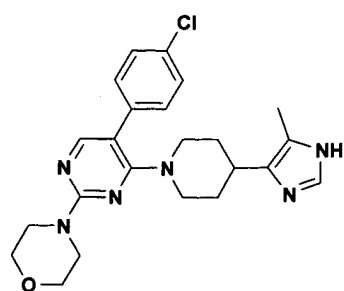
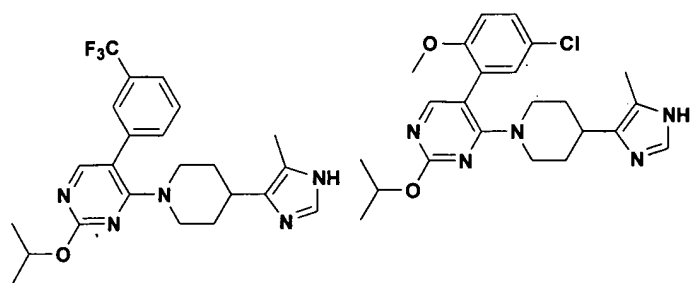


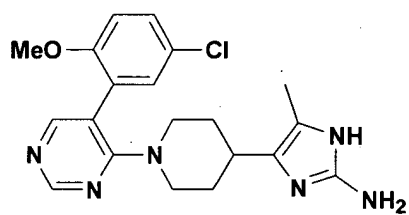
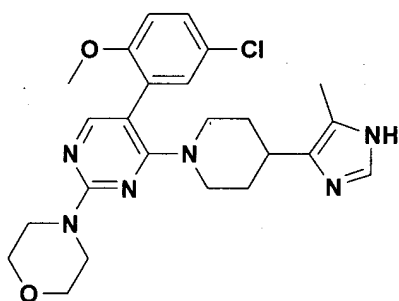
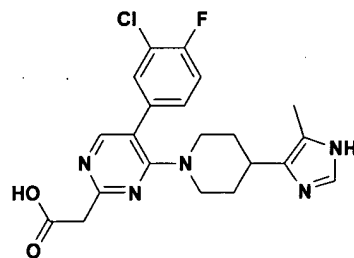
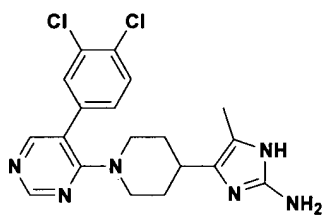
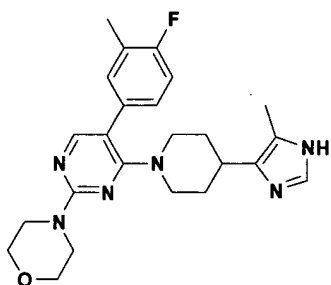
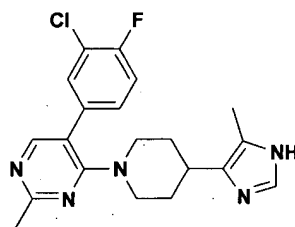
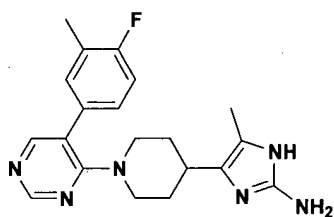
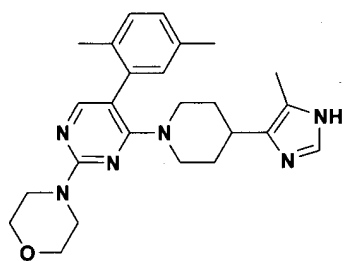
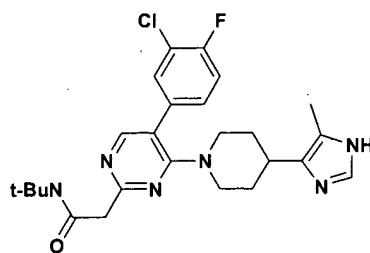
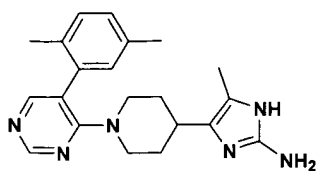
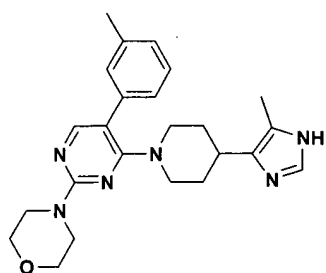


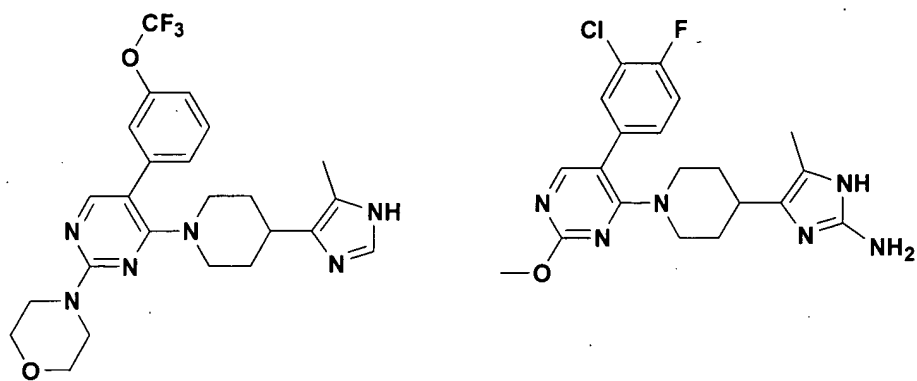




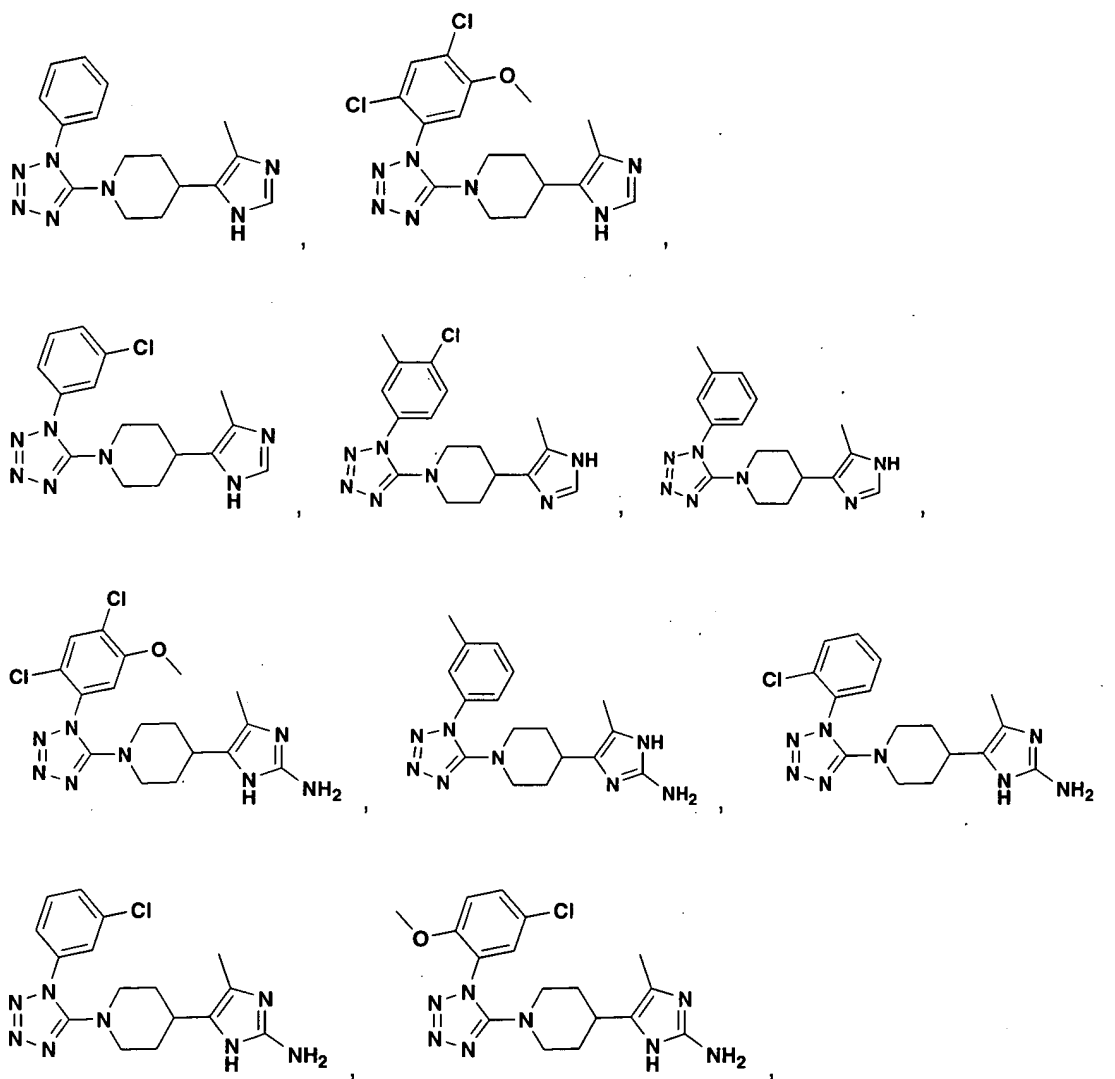


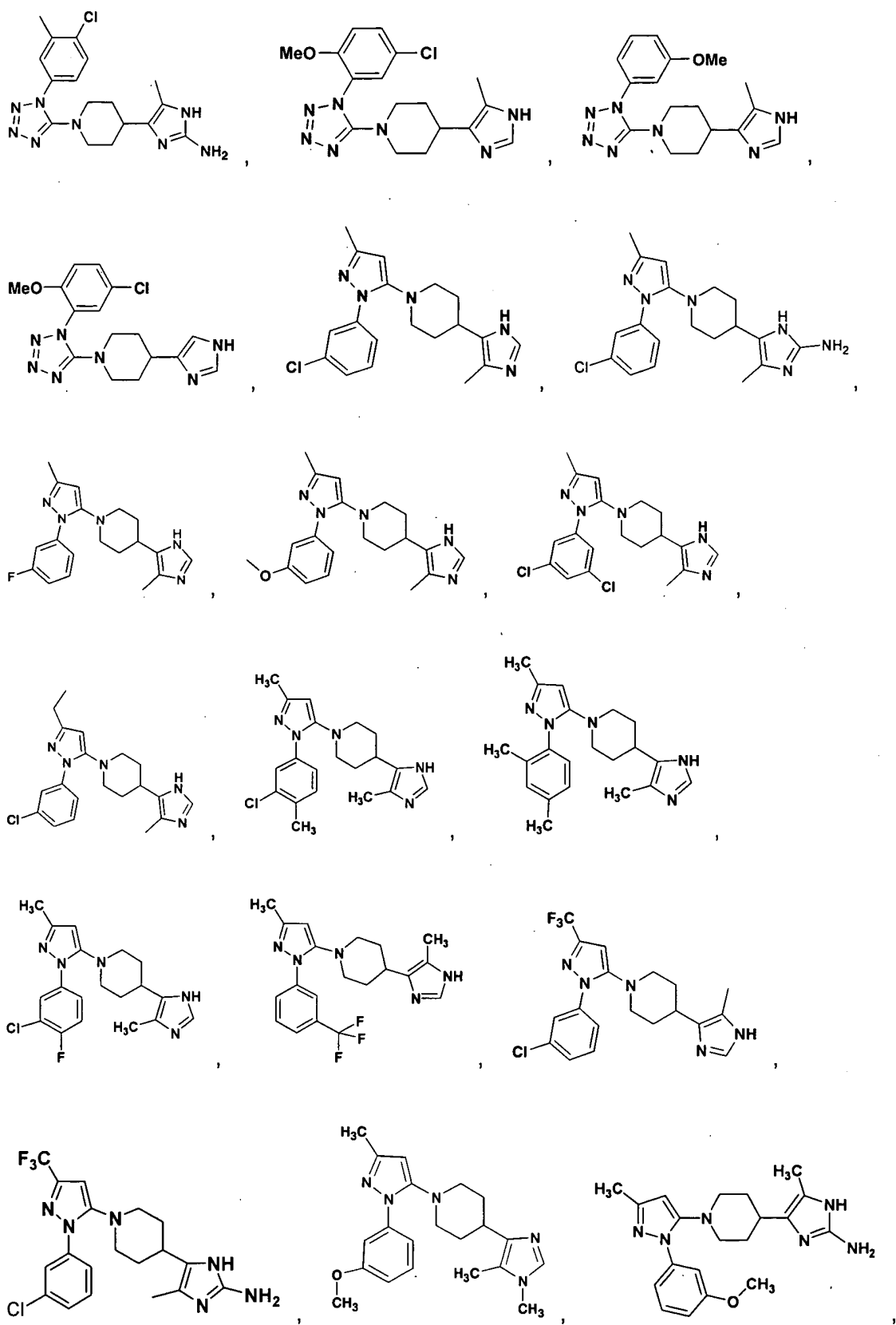


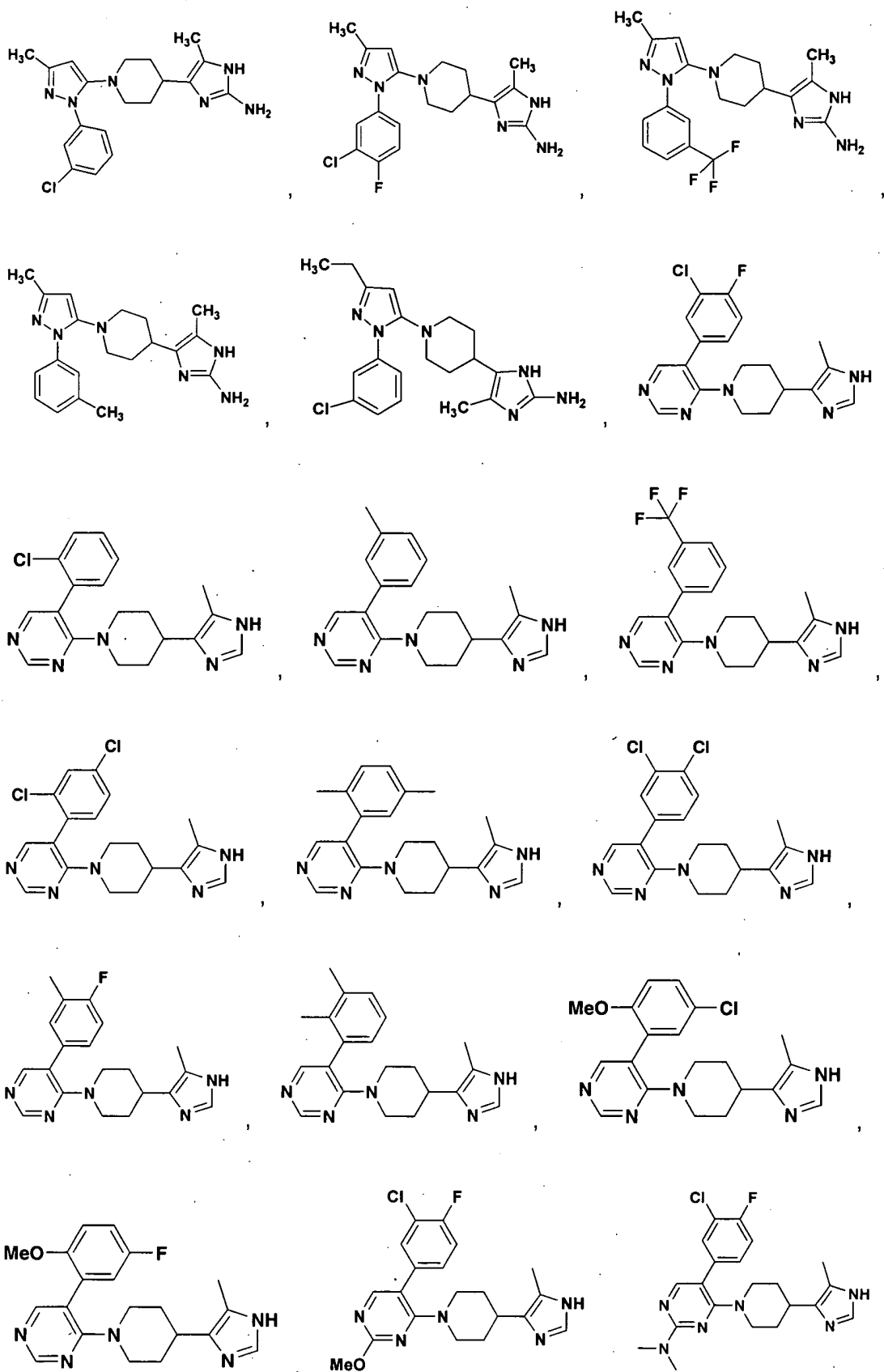


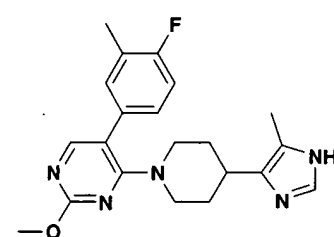
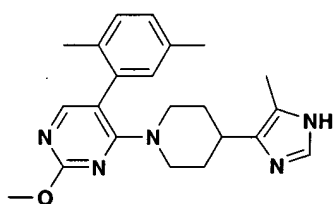
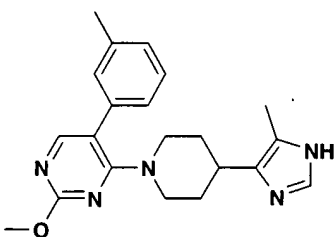
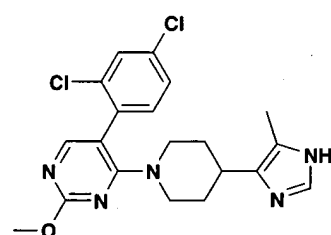
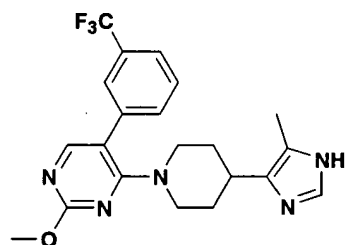
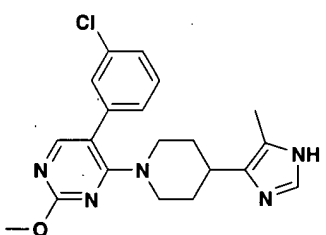
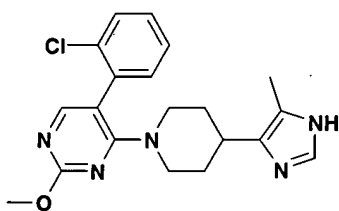
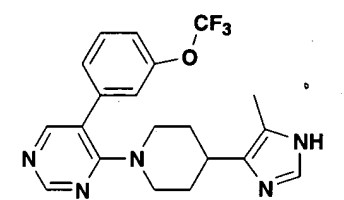
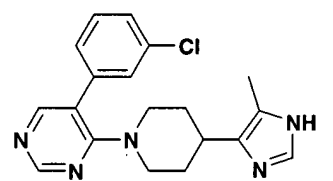
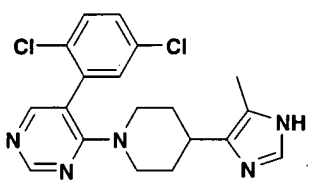
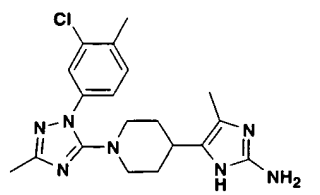
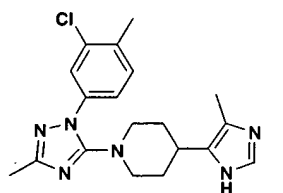
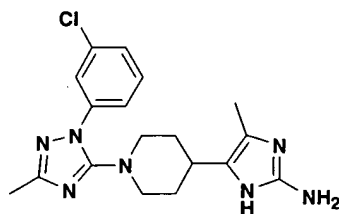
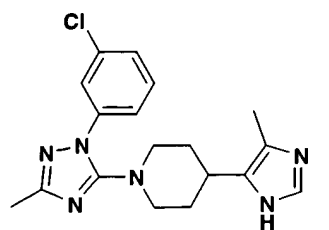
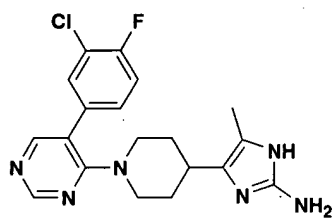
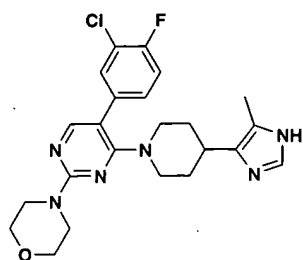


Claim 29. (Previously Presented) A compound having the structure

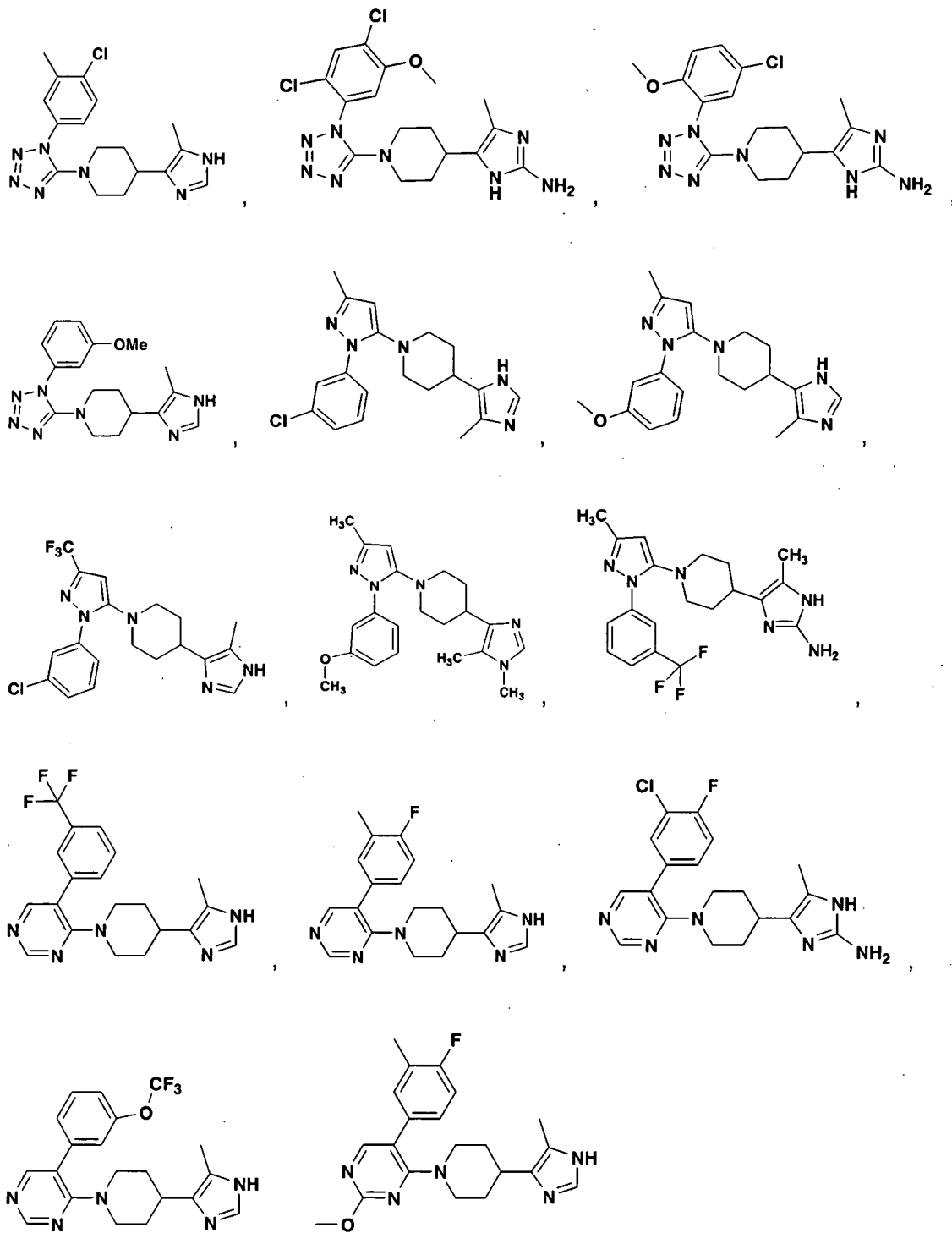








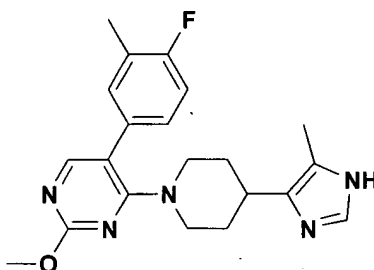
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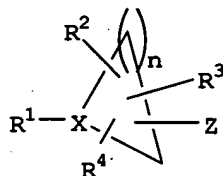
Claim 31. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

Claims 32-62. (Cancelled).

Claim 63. (Previously Presented) A compound having the following structure




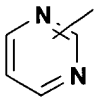
Claim 64. (Previously Presented) A compound having the structure



wherein n is 4;

X is N;

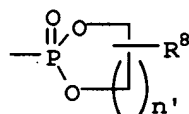
Z is a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing monocycle heteroaryl group which is selected from the group consisting of imidazole attached at its 4- or 5-position to the ring, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino(alkyl)imidazole, (alkanoylamino)imidazole, aminothiazole, aminooxazole, aminooxadiazole, dialkylimidazole, alkyl(alkanoylamino)imidazole, alkyl(amino)imidazole, arylaminocarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkoxycarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkylcarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, aminotriazole or diaminopyrimidine;

R¹ is tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, , oxazole, triazole or ;

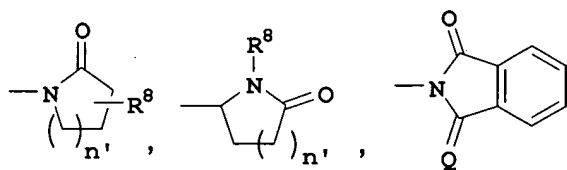
and R¹ may be unsubstituted or substituted with from one to five substituents;

R², R³ and R⁴ are the same or different and are independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, (alkyl or aryl)₃Si (where each alkyl or aryl group is independent), cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino,

arylalkylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, arylamino, aryloxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylamino, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, thio, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, halogen, haloalkyl, polyhaloalkyl, polyhaloalkoxy, aminothio, aminosulfinyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino, alkynylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy, acyl, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxy, heteroarylcarbonylamino, cyano, nitro, alkenylcarbonylamino, alkynylcarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkenylaminocarbonylamino, alkynylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino, heteroarylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, alkenyloxycarbonylamino, alkynyloxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxycarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino, I,I-(alkoxy or aryloxy)₂alkyl (where the two aryl or alkyl substituents can be independently defined, or linked to one another to form a ring), S(O)₂R⁶R⁷, -NR⁶(C=NR⁷)alkyl, -NR⁶(C=NR⁷)alkenyl, -NR⁶(C=NR⁷)alkynyl, -NR⁶(C=NR⁷)heteroaryl, -NR⁸(C=NCN)-amino,



pyridine-N-oxide,



(where Q is O or H₂ and n' is 0, 1, 2 or 3) or

$\text{—C}(\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9)=\text{CH—C}(=\text{O})\text{—R}^{8a}$; tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazole, oxazole, or triazole, -PO(R¹³)(R¹⁴), (where R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl,

cycloheteroalkoxy, or cycloheteroalkylalkoxy); and may be optionally independently substituted with from one to five substituents, which may be the same or different;

R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{8a} and R^9 are the same or different and are independently hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, or cycloheteroalkyl;

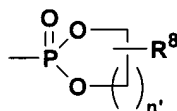
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a prodrug thereof, and all stereoisomers thereof.

Claim 65. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein Z is imidazole attached to its 4- or 5-position to the ring, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino-(alkyl)imidazole, (alkanoylamino)imidazole, aminothiazole, aminooxazole, aminooxadiazole, dialkylimidazole, alkyl(alkanoylamino)imidazole, alkyl(amino)imidazole, arylaminocarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkoxycarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkylcarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, aminotriazole or diaminopyrimidine.

Claim 66. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein the R^1 group may be substituted within from one to five of the following groups:

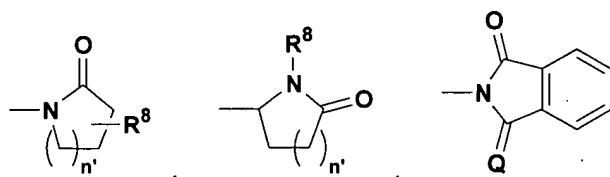
alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, (alkyl or aryl)₃Si (where each alkyl or aryl group is independent), cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylalkylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, arylamino, aryloxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylamino, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, thio, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, halogen, haloalkyl, polyhaloalkyl such as CF_3 and CF_3CH_2 , polyhaloalkyloxy such as CF_3O and CF_3CH_2O , aminothio, aminosulfinyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino, alkynylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy, acyl, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxy, heteroarylcarbonylamino, cyano, nitro, alkenylcarbonylamino, alkynylcarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkenylaminocarbonylamino, alkynylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino, heteroarylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, alkenyloxycarbonylamino, alkynyloxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxycarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyloxy, 1,1-(alkoxy or aryloxy)₂alkyl (where the two aryl or

alkyl substituents can be independently defined, or linked to one another to form a ring, such as 1,3-dioxane or 1,3-dioxolane), $S(O)_2R^6R^7$, $-NR^6(C=NR^7)alkyl$,



$NR^6(C=NR^7)alkenyl$, $-NR^6(C=NR^7)alkynyl$,

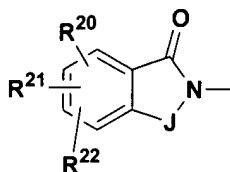
$NR^6(C=NR^7)heteroaryl$, $-NR^6(C=NCN)-amino$, pyridine-N-oxide,



(where Q is O or H₂ and n' is 0, 1, 2 or 3) or $\begin{matrix} NR^8R \\ | \\ C=CH-C \\ || \\ O \end{matrix} - R^{8a}$; tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, oxazole or triazole; $-PO(R^{13})(R^{14})$, (where R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, cycloheteroalkoxy, or cycloheteroalkylalkoxy);

R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R^{8a} and R⁹ are independently hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl or cycloheteroalkyl, which substituents may be the same or different from each other and may be the same or different from the base R¹ group.

Claim 67. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein R¹ is substituted with one to five of the following substituents: alkyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, heteroaryl, halo, aryl, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, guanidinyl, nitro, cycloheteroalkyl, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxylcarbonylamino, uriedo (where the uriedo nitrogens may be substituted with alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl), heterocyclylcarbonylamino (where the heterocycle is connected to the carbonyl group via a nitrogen or carbon atom), alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino,



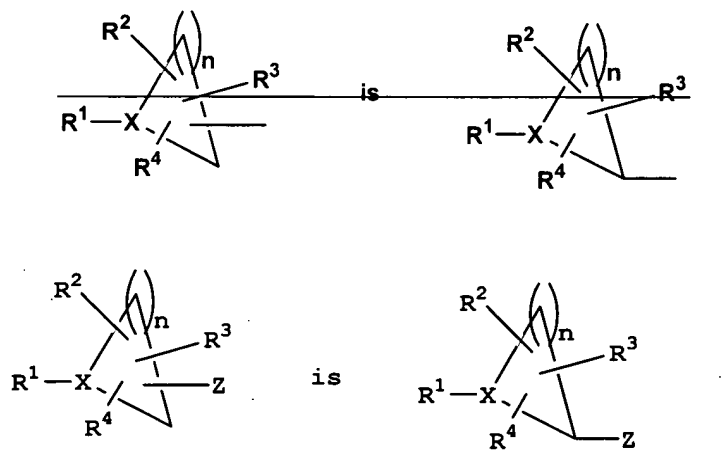
Where J is: CHR^{23} , $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}\text{—}$, $\text{—}\underset{\text{R}^{24}}{\text{CH}}\text{—}\underset{\text{R}^{25}}{\text{CH}}\text{—}$ or $\text{—}\underset{\text{R}^{24}}{\text{C}}=\underset{\text{R}^{25}}{\text{C}}\text{—}$;

R^{23} , R^{24} and R^{25} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, cycloalkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl;

R^{20} , R^{21} , R^{22} are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylmercapto, arylmercapto, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, hydroxy or haloalkyl; and these substituents may either be directly attached to R^1 , or attached via an alkylene chain at an open position, which substituents may be the same or different from each other, and may be the same or different from the base R^1 group.

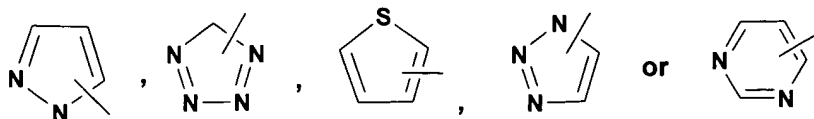
Claim 68. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein Z is imidazole attached at its 4- or 5-position to the ring, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino(alkyl)imidazole or (acetylamino)imidazole.

Claim 69. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein the moiety



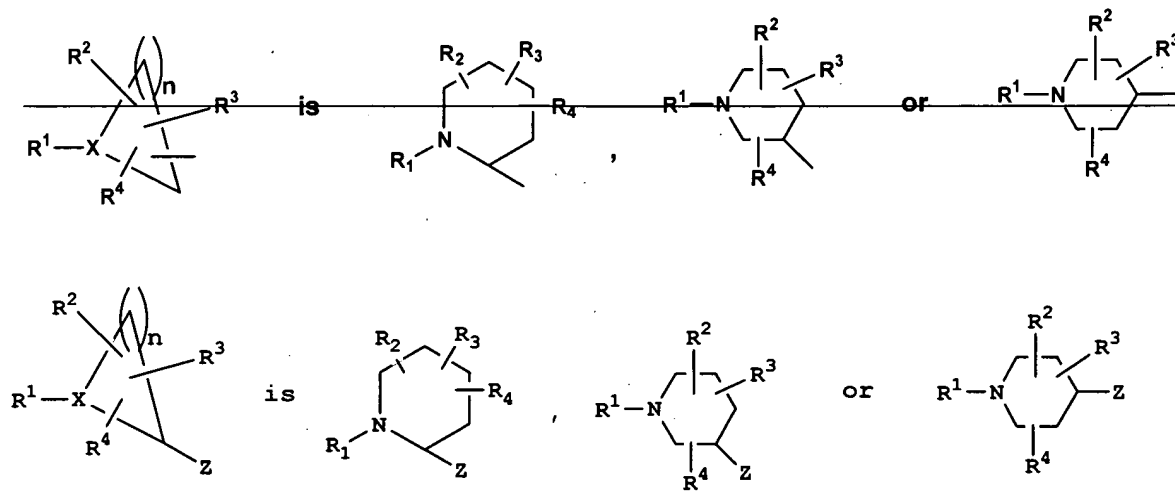
Claim 70. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein R^2 and R^3 are independently H, lower alkoxy or aryl, and R^4 and R^5 are each hydrogen.

Claim 71. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein R¹ is

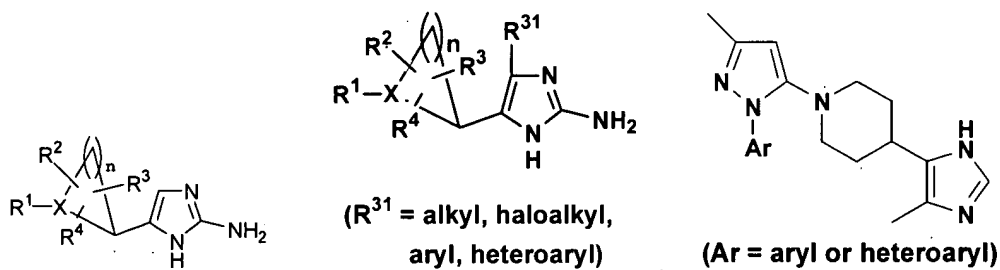


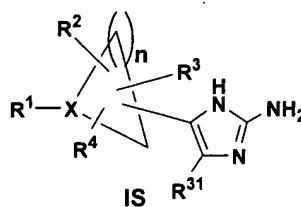
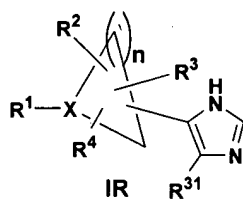
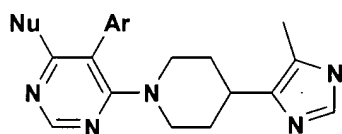
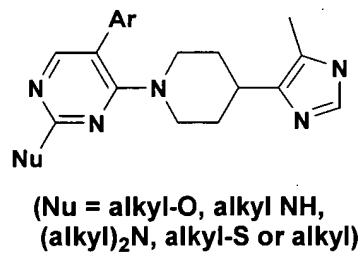
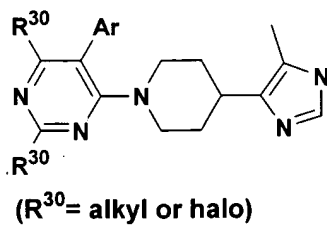
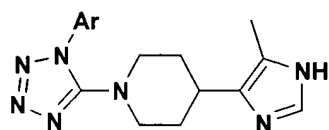
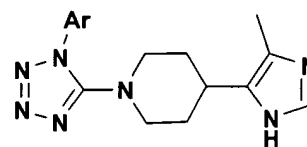
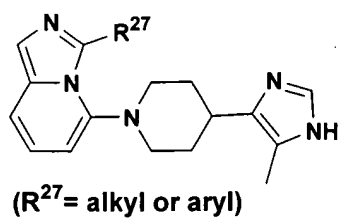
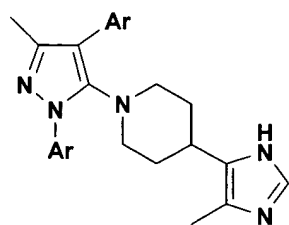
Claim 72. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein R¹, R², R³ and/or R⁴ may be joined together with the N atom and/or carbons to which they are attached to form a non-aromatic ring.

Claim 73. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 64 wherein



Claim 74. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 64 having the structure





Claims 75 and 76. (Cancelled).